liberalised economy of Trinidad & Tobago and a sizeable presence of population of Indian origin offer scope for India to expand its exports to that country. The scope for expansion is limited, however, by the small size of the market and the distance involved. Government facilitates exports through dissemination of trade information.

Export of flowers

2367. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flowers of different varieties are exported from our country;

(b) if so, what is the amount earned from such exports during the last three years; and

(c) what are the names of the countries to which such exports were made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Amount earned from exports of fresh and dried flowers during the last 3 years has been as under:—

Year	Value Rs./Lakhs Value
1989-90* . .	27.30
1990-91** . .	260.29
1991-92†* . .	683.30

* Returns filled by exporters with APEDA.

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(c) Export of flowers has been mainly to Netherlands, USA, UK, Germany and UAE.

Foreign exchange earned through exports

2368. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is earning huge amount of foreign exchange through exports of garments, leather goods, items of stationery and jewellery.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof for the last three years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage those engaged in this occupation and popularise Indian Garments, leather goods (including leather garments), items of stationery and jewellery in foreign country as well as in India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The value of exports of garments, leather goods, stationery and jewellery during the years 1989-